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SUBJ: EAST EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS TO ETHIOPIA

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SUMMARY : RECENT PROLIFERATION OF HIGH-LEVEL EAST EUROPEAN
DELEGATIONS TO ETHIOPIA TESTIFY TO NEW PMAC CHAIRMAN NEMGISTU
HAILE-MARIAM'S RESOLVE TO SPEED UP PACE OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION.
GDR POLITBURO MEMBER WERNER LAMBERZ CONCLUDED THIS TWO DAY
VISIT FEB. 11 AFTER ROUND OF CEREMONIAL CALLS, RESULTS OF
WHICH WERE NOT REPORTED IN MEDIA. ON FEB. 12, YUGOSLAV
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DEPUTY SECRETARY SIGNED BILATERAL
AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE WITH ETHIOPIA ON SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL
PROJECTS AND TO PROVIDE INVESTMENT FUNDS AND AGRICULTURAL
EQUIPMENT. TWO-MAN CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH DELEGATION, LED BY
JAN LAJKA, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH
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ORGANIZATION, ARRIVED IN ADDIS ABABA SAME DATE, PRE-
SUMABLY TO ADVISE EPMG REGARDING PLANNED ESTABLISHMENT
OF SIMILAR YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR ETHIOPIA.
END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND DAY OF LAMBERZ'S VISIT INCLUDED CALLS
AT MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND SETTLEMENT, URBAN

DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING, AND INFORMATION AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE, AS WELL AS AT POLITICAL ACHOOOL. IN EACH CASE, HOSTS BRIEFED VISITORS ONP PAST AND CURRENT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS, BUT EXCEPT FOR GDR PLEDGE TO STEP UP BILATERAL CO-OPERATION INFIELD OF MASS MEDIA, NOTHEING TANGIBLE APPARENTLY EMERGED FROM MEETINGS. DURING PUBLIC RECEPTIONS, LABBERZ PAID TRIBUTE TO PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU'S REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP AND PROGRESSIVE CNANGES IN ETHIOPIA OVER PAST TWO YEARS, USING STOCK SED PHRASES WHICH WOULD HAVE WARMED WALTER ULBRICHT'S HEART. DESPITE APPARENT LACK OF ANY AGREEMENTS WITH GDR, VISIT PROVIDED PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO MENGISTU ON HEELS OF HIS ASSUMPTION OF POWER.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BRANKO TURUDIIA CONCLUDED VISIT TO ETHIOPIA AS HEAD OF YUGOSLAV DELEGATION ON FEB . 12 BY SIGNING JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE AGRO-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ETHIOPIA. AS REPORTED, AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN VARIOUS LOVALITIES OFFERING PROMISE FOR LARGE AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, WITH YUGOSLAVIA TO MAKE AVAILABLE INVESTMENT FUNDS TO PREPARE AND CULTIVATE NEW AREAS. AT LATER STAGE TRANSFER OF SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY ALSO FORESEEN. EXPERT GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN ETHIOPIA IN APRIL TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY SUTIDES, WITH ACTUAL WORK TO COMMENCE IN FALL.

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3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS ARRIVAL FEB. 12 OF TWO-MAN CZECH YOUTH DELEGATION, LED BY JAN LAJKA, MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA YOUTH ORGANIZATION, TO DISCUSS MUTUAL COOPERATION WITH ETHIOPIAN COUNTERPARTS. ETHIOPIA REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN LOOKING TOWARDS EASTERN EUROPE FOR SOME TIME FOR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP ITS OWN MASS YOUTH ORGANIZATION, AND EMBASSY PRESUMES THIS VISIT IS RESPONSIVE TO THAT DESIRE. TIENKEN

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